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Presented for filing is a new divisional patent application of:

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Title: **METHOD FOR IDENTIFYING MICROBIAL PROLIFERATION
GENES**

The prior application is assigned of record to San Diego State University Foundation, a California corporation, by virtue of an assignment submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office and recorded on March 27, 1998 at 9093/0408.

Enclosed are the following papers, including those required to receive a filing date under 37 CFR §1.53(b):

	<u>Pages</u>
Specification	34
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Declaration	[To be Filed at a Later Date]
Drawing(s)	10

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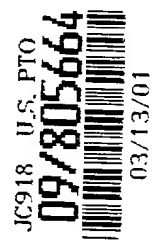
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- Information Disclosure Statement, including Form PTO-1449, 9 pages, listing documents cited in the parent application(s). Please confirm that these have been considered in this application by returning a copy of the Form PTO-1449 with the examiner's initials.
- Postcard.

This application is a divisional (and claims the benefit of priority under 35 USC 120) of U.S. application serial no. 08/971,090, filed November 14, 1997. The disclosure of the prior application is considered part of (and is incorporated by reference in) the disclosure of this application.

This application is entitled to small entity status pursuant to 37 CFR 1.9(f).

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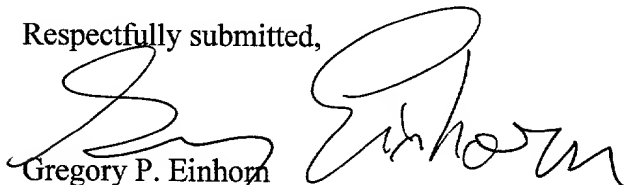
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